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AMALA'S BLADE

A Cutting Edge Heroine

Destiny sometimes takes unexpected paths. If you have any doubts of that, just take a look at the case of a young lady named Amala, the star of ***Amala's Blade.***

"***Amala's Blade*** is the story of the world's greatest swordfighter ... just ask her!," creator/writer *Steve Horton* said with a laugh. "It's about an assassin by trade who was once chosen as a spiritual leader to unite two nations, but ran away instead. Twenty years of war later, she kills people for money in a society that is falling apart, ruled by the military. And there's these ghosts, representing her past, that follow her around everywhere and bother her."

Exactly what is the destiny that Amala rejected? "She was chosen to lead these two divided nations and unite them as one Naamaron," Horton said. "That was twenty years ago, when she was a child. She fled into the night and was kidnapped by a cult who trains young orphans to be swordfighters. Both sides assumed she was murdered by the other side, and the war began. Amala has been avoiding her destiny ever since, never really coming to terms with it."

While Amala claims to be totally comfortable with her lot in life, her interaction with these supposed ghosts indicates that she may be less comfortable than she lets on. Are these really ghosts, or are they just extensions of her own doubts? "I've left it deliberately up in the air in ***Amala's Blade #0*** whether she's going crazy, or if she's actually seeing ghosts," Horton said. "Through the course of the miniseries, we learn pretty quickly which one is true ... or both! But they *are* giving her a hard time about her choices, aren't they?"

The tone of the book may lead readers to assume that it's a heroic fantasy set in a dark and barbaric past, but the inclusion of groups like the Purifiers and the Modifiers adds a science fictional element to the tale. Just *when* and *where* is Amala's world? "***Amala's Blade*** is set in the country of Naamaron, bitterly divided into two halves: Purifier territory, whose capital city is Ouon, and Modifier territory, whose capital city is Avatouon," Horton explained.

"Purifiers believe in the purity of life, free from high technology. They believe in working to achieve, being self-sufficient and not depending on anything but the land. Modifiers worship technology and ritually transplant it throughout their bodies to improve their lives in various ways. This ideological difference has led to their bitter division."

Joining Horton on ***Amala's Blade*** is Greek artist *Michael Dialynas;* how did the collaboration come about? "I found Michael after his short story in Image's ***Popgun*** anthology," Horton said. "Initially we collaborated on a one-page webcomic for a dead project. Then, when I came up with the basic concept and pitch for ***Amala's Blade,*** the original artist dropped out, so I asked Michael. He turned out to be perfect. He's contributed a ton to the look and feel of the world. For example, one of the propaganda posters in the background of issue #1 inspired a Modifier monster that appears later in the series."

Dialynas's art is superlative; his fluid layouts resonate with manga overtones, while the finished art evokes such rich visual fantasists as *Mike Ploog*. What's his comics background? "I read a lot of different things and my influences are from all over the place," Dialynas said. "In the past week, I found myself reading ***Hellboy, Dungeon, Adventure Time, Nana,*** and ***Batman: the Long Halloween*** all at the same time. My mind is jumbled with styles that I love, and I tend to change to fit the story that im drawing, but my main influences are *Guy Davis, Moebius, Miyazaki,* and *Miguelanxo Prado.*

"I've been drawing comics here in Greece for the past nine years—has it really been that long?—mainly drawing short stories for magazines and one-shot issues and doing freelance illustrations. It was a great testing ground for me to try different styles, hence my jumbled mind. Every time I wrote a new story, I would play test new artistic approaches to make the story the best it could be. That's why, when Steve pitched me the idea for a Steampunk world clashing with a Cyberpunk one, I was instantly hooked!"

Dialynas' aforementioned layout and page design give ***Amala's Blade*** a distinctive visual flow. Is this something that comes naturally to the artist? "I would *like* to think it comes naturally, but I know it's really the result of a lot of practice, long hours holding a pen, and great feedback from Steve and our editor Chris. They are the chatty ghosts that pester me to make things better while I work," Dialynas said.

Amala's Blade is initially slated for a five-issue run—a zero issue followed by a four-part miniseries. The story seems much larger than that, however. Are further chapters in Amala's saga planned? "There's a chance we'll get to do another Amala miniseries next year," Horton said. It all depends how this one does! A little more concrete is the ***Amala Trade Paperback*** that comes out January 2014. And yes, there's a *lot* more story to tell!"

Amala's Blade #0, a $3.50 comic from Dark Horse, is currently available. ***Amala's Blade #1,*** which kicks off the four-issue miniseries, begins its monthly run on April 24th.

by Cliff Biggers

Once Upon a Timely Tale

Once Upon a Time fans will no doubt be pleased to hear that Marvel is bringing the popular ABC-TV series to comics with an original in-continuity hardcover graphic novel, ***Once Upon a Time: Shadow of the Queen*** by *Dan Thomsen, Corinna Bechko, Nimit Malavia, Vasilis Lolos, Mike Del Mundo, Stephanie Hans, & Mike Henderson.*

Shadow of the Queen presents a never-before-told tale behind the twisted relationship between the Evil Queen and the Huntsman whose heart she has quite literally captured. When Regina cooks up yet another devious plan to capture Snow White ,the Huntsman comes face-to-face with his past—including an independent spirit in Red Riding Hood that just may match his own.

"***Once Upon a Time*** fans are in for a treat with this incredible story that reveals some shocking secrets about Regina and the Huntsman", said *David Gabriel,* SVP Sales, Print and Digital Media. "It's been a pleasure to work with ABC to create a line of high quality original graphic novels that bring new fans into comic stores and also allow us to introduce great franchises like ***Once Upon a Time*** to our die-hard fans."

"***Shadow of the Queen*** will bring fans a whole new thread of the intriguing backstory between Regina and the Huntsman – in a uniquely Marvel way", Adam Sanderson, SVP Franchise Management for the Disney-ABC Television Group, added. "We hope this brand extension will further deepen the engagement our viewers have with one of ABC's signature series."

Once Upon a Time: Shadow of the Queen is slated for September 4th release.

Courtesy your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

The following comics and comics-related books are tentatively slated for release on the dates given, based on the latest information provided by the publishers at press-time. If no date is listed, the books are scheduled for release sometime in the month of May. Diamond Comic Distributors' code numbers are included for ease of ordering.

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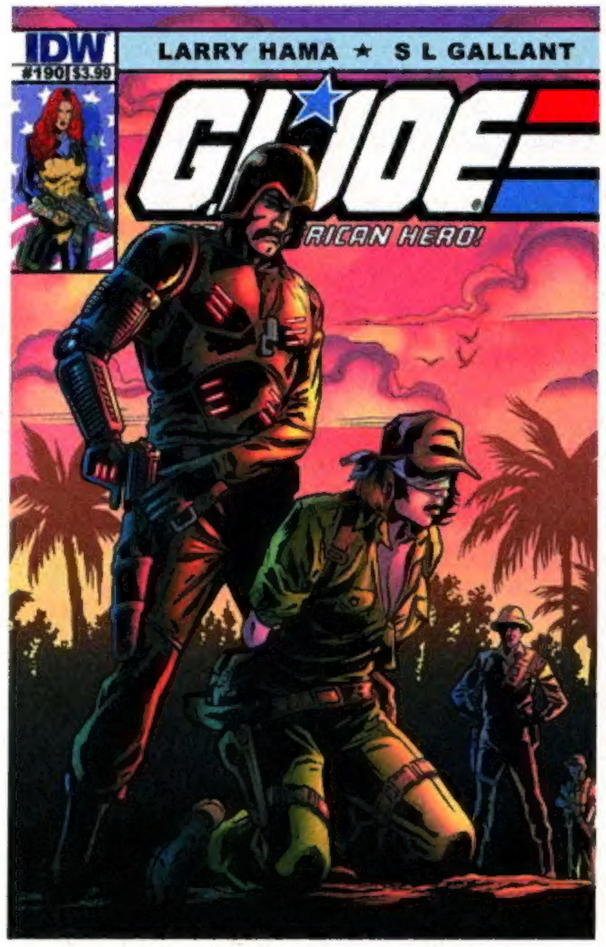

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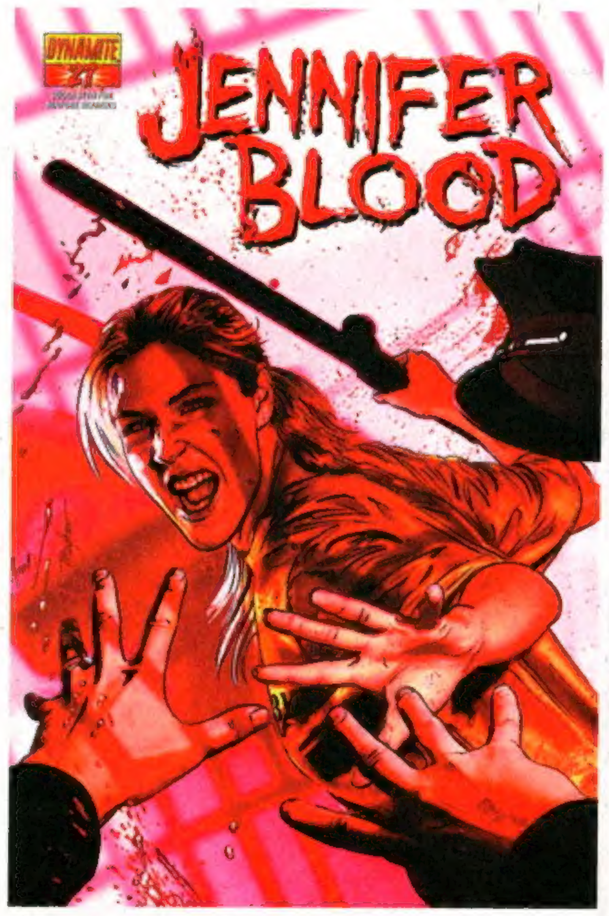

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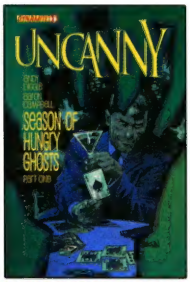

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